

policy measures taken by the developing country members for alleviation of poverty, rural development, rural employment and diversification of agriculture. Further, Government can provide adequate protection to women entrepreneurs and workers by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include appropriate calibration of applied tariffs within the bound tariffs, imposition of anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard action under certain specified circumstances.

Export of Sugar to Pakistan

†1728. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to promoting the export of sugar in the country and agenda has been fixed for the discussion of restoring the export of sugar to Pakistan in the Indo-Pak summit to be held after the arrival of General Parvez Musharraf; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suicide by unemployed persons in Coimbatore

†1729. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in Rashtriya Sahara of 2nd May, 2001 pertaining to committing of suicide by the 500 people in Coimbatore, who became unemployed due to globalization;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for providing employment and immediate financial assistance to the kith and kin of aggrieved families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Import restrictions have been continuously removed since 1991, as part of economic liberalization

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